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adoption of the E & k amendments. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend, AM3315. (Legislative Journal page 1149.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, thank you. These are a...two...an amendment, excuse me, an amendment from the Appropriations Committee that typically we have late issues coming in to us as time goes along, and this year is no exception, and I have three issues that I want to call your attention to. Once again, the Appropriations Committee did meet yesterday and we had a...it was unanimous in support of this amendment. The first part of it recommends...represents reimbursement from non-General Funds for tort claims paid by the Risk Manager on behalf of certain state agencies. Based on information provided by the Risk Manager, DAS Budget Division makes a determination by agency of other funds available for payment of these claims. These funds are then transferred to the Risk Manager through this section of the appropriation bill. These are only changes to the non-General Fund sources, so this is not a General Fund. It's a Cash Fund issue. The second one is to fund the 2001 deficit for the school breakfast out of 2001-02 appropriations for school breakfast rather than the appropriation for school lunch. This is a little bit of a technical issue. We had the option of funding the deficit in the school lunch program out of the school breakfast, which is in the present method, or taking it from the school lunch. Based on discussions, further discussions, particularly with the schools and so forth, they would prefer to take this deficit out of the school lunch program, which would imply a deficit next year in the school lunch program. There was a surplus in the breakfast lunch program, and we thought that that would be appropriate to fund the deficit in the lunch program, but they would rather go ahead and have us fund it this way and keep the school breakfast intact, and so this is what we've done. It actually makes no change in the total dollars. It simply is